

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4034 - SB 4095

February 6, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the "Taxpayer Transparency Act." Directs the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to create and maintain a searchable budget database website that allows the public at no cost to search and aggregate specific information related to the expenditure of state funds.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$3,616,000 / One-Time
Exceeds \$500,000 / Recurring**

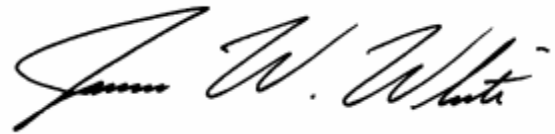
Assumptions:

- Information pertaining to FY08-09 shall be included on the above mentioned website no later than January 1, 2009, and information pertaining to subsequent fiscal years shall be made available no later than thirty (30) days after the close of the fiscal year.
- Payment data from the various state departments and agencies would require conversion to a unified format that would be compatible with new business intelligent software that is search-capable and has the ability to interface with other state systems. According to Finance & Administration (F&A), the state's current business intelligent software (Microstrategy) is not capable of producing data and information in the formats specified in this bill.
- There will be a one-time increase to state expenditures for developing and implementing new business intelligent software. Based on the cost of development and implementation of Microstrategy, this one-time cost is estimated to be \$3,600,000.
- According to the Department of Revenue (DOR), it would incur a one-time expenditure for computer and software enhancements in order to disseminate specific payment information required for the preparation of the proposed Lost Revenue Report. This one-time increase to state expenditures is estimated to be \$16,000.
- The Division of Accounts will incur increased recurring expenditures for maintenance, internal systems, data processing services, and others as a result of this bill. The DOR will incur increased recurring

expenditures related to system maintenance and the development of annual Lost Revenue Reports. These additional recurring state expenditures are estimated to exceed \$500,000 per year.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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